GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Prisons Department – Threat and intimidation to inmates by conducting medical camp at Central Prison, Kadapa – Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent (FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment–Exhibited gross negligence and serious misconduct which resulted the several issues related to breaches of discipline and regulations and significant lapses in adherence to the established procedures and security measures within Central Prison, Kadapa -Initiation of Departmental Proceedings under **Rule 20 A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued**.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 333 Dated: 21-02-2025
Read the following:-

From the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri vide Lr. No.Estt-2/06/2025, Dated:24.01.2024

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ORDER:-

Whereas, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent (FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment in accordance with procedure laid down under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for exhibiting gross negligence and serious misconduct, which resulted the several issues related to breaches of discipline and regulations and significant lapses in adherence to the established procedures and security measures within Central Prison, Kadapa.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II and III).

3. **Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent (FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment** is hereby directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this memo and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. **Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment** is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment** is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention **of Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment** is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. Receipt of the memorandum shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KUMAR VISHWAJEET
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment through the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Managalagiri.

Copy to:-
The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Managalagiri with a request to serve this memo on the Charged officer under proper acknowledgement.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

(G.O.Rt.No.333 , Home (Prisons & Fire) Department, Dated:21.02.2025)

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI I.N.H. PRAKASH, THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT (FAC), CENTRAL PRISON, KADAPA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS PRINCIPAL, AP STARS, NELLORE ON ATTACHMENT.

Article of Charge:- I

"That the said Sri I.N.H.Prakash, Principal(FAC), AP STARS, Nellore, while working as Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa has exhibited gross negligence and serious misconduct, by permitting private medical camp and allowing Dr. Chaitanya Reddy S/o Sivasankar Reddy in to the Jail on 28.11.2023, which gave scope to serious allegation of threatening the approver in the case of Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy murder though the all specialized medical services are made available in RIMS and GGH, Kadapa, with malafide intention. Thus violated rule no: 3(1),(2)and (3) of AP Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964 and AP Prisons Rules, 1979, rule No: 42(1), Rule No: 89, Rule No:275.

Article of Charge:- II

That the said Sri I.N.H.Prakash, Principal(FAC), AP STARS, Nellore, while working as Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa failed to safe guard security and safety of i.e., R.P.No: 7129 S.Dashtagiri, who is approver in the case of Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy murder, was alleged to be threatened by Dr. Chaitanya Reddy, son of remand prisoner no: 4988, D.Siva Sankar Reddy(A 5 in murder case of Y.S.Vivekananda Reddy) on 28.11.2023 . Thus violated Rule No: 731 of AP Prisons Rules, 1979 and MHA instructions, dated 09.05.2014 communicated vide Memo.No: Jud-2/86/2014, dated 27.05.2014 of the Director Geneal of Prisons and Correctional Services, AP., Hyderabad.

Article of Charge:- III

That the said Sri I.N.H.Prakash, Principal(FAC), AP STARS, Nellore, while working as Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa disregarded the established procedures of prison administration, during the medical camp on 28.11.2023 at Central Prison, Kadapa, Dr. Chaitanya Reddy Son of Sri Siva Sankar Reddy, was permitted entry despite the superintendent being fully aware of his antecedents, who had previously visited the Central Prison, Kadapa and was also granted permission to attend the medical camp and was also allowed to visit the barracks, even though Dastagiri, the approver in his father's case, was confined in the same Jail, which constitutes breach of established security protocols. Thus violated rule No: 107, 108, 506(1) of AP Prisons Rules, 1979,

Basis of Charge:

1. Dr.Suneetha Narreddy, D/o late Sri Y.S.Vivekananda Reddy vide her petition, dated 29.09.2024 alleged that " Dr.Chaitanya Reddy, son of remand prisoner No:4988, D. Siva Shankar Reddy, Accused 5 in CC No.61/2008, visited the Central Prison, Kadapa on the pretext of treating prisoners, threatened another remand prisoner No.7129, S.Dashtagiri involved in Cr.No.100/23 and Cr.No.242/2023, who is currently an approver in the Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy murder case. This visit was conducted under the guise of a medical camp, facilitated by the jail authorities. Such actions are clearly illegal and warrant immediate action on the jail superintendent Mr. I.N.H.Prakash, Dr.Pushpalatha and other jail staff. The jail staff should have taken all precautions while the medical camp is conducted and should have not facilitated the doctors especially Dr. Chaitanya Reddy who is the son of D.Siva Shankar Reddy (A 5 in Y.S.Viveka murder case) to approach and intimidate Mr.Seikh Dastagiri. It has also come to the notice that I.N.H Prakash, Dr.Pushpalatha and their team facilitated Dr.Chaitanya Reddy to meet Mr.Seikh Dasthagiri (A4 turned approver)".

2. In this regard, on conducting preliminary enquiry in to the matter by the Department, it is noticed that, a medical camp was conducted in Central Prison, Kadapa on 28.11.2023 and a team of doctors i.e., Dr.Ramanjula Reddy, Pulmonologist and Dr.Chaitanya Reddy, Gastrologist, son of Sivasankar Reddy (A 5 in Y.S.Viveka murder case) had conducted the medical camp. Dr.Chaitanya Reddy, son of D. Siva Shankar Reddy, had previously visited the jail to meet his father, for interviews on several occasions. In this connection, it is revealed that the Superintendent i.e., Sri I.N.H. Prakash, was well aware of Dr.Chaitanya Reddy's identity and antecedents. Even so, Dr.Chaitanya Reddy was allowed to participate in the medical camp which raises concerns about the lapse in adhering to the established protocols.

3. Furthermore, the RIMS Institute, located near Central Prison, Kadapa, serves as the next higher center and provide all specialized medical services required for treating the prisoners including organizing medical camps. Despite this, a medical camp was held at Central Prison, Kadapa with the participation of a private pulmonologist Dr.Ramanjulareddy and a private gastroenterologist Dr.Chaintayna Reddy, even though government pulmonologists and gastroenterologists are available at both RIMS and GGH, Kadapa, which gave raise for allegations on conducting medical camp.

4. In this regard, it is noticed that, Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment, though he is fully aware of the antecedents of Dr.Chaitanya Reddy S/o Sivasankar Reddy, granted permission to attend the medical camp and also allowed to visit the barracks, even though Dastagiri, the approver in his father's case, was confined in the same Jail, which constitutes a breach of security protocols.

5. When Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent(FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment was called for explanation, vide Memo.No: Estt-2/06/2025, dated 08.01.2025 has submitted his explanation, dated 18.01.2025 received vide letter No: AP STARS/NLR/66/2025, dated 18.01.2025 of the Principal, AP STARS, Nellore, admitted the following :

    i. Medical Camp was conducted at Central Prison, Kadapa on 28.11.2023, he left the prison for his usual regular lunch break between 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM and the medical team arrived at prison at 3.30 PM. The Deputy Civil Surgeon who organizes these Medical camps received the medical team at the main gate took them to the prison hospital where medical camp was organized.

    ii. He received phone call at 3.45 PM from the Deputy Superintendent that Medical team comprising of Dr D.Ramanjulu Reddy(Pulmonologist) and **Dr. D.Chaitanya Reddy (**Gastroentrologist & Hepatologist**)** has arrived and conducting medical check-ups, in prison hospital. **Through Deputy Superintendent he came to know that, one of the Doctor in the Medical Team is Dr D.Chaitayna Reddy, Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist is son of the Ex-prisoner D.Sankar Reddy who was earlier confined in this prison and subsequently transferred to Central Prison, Chenchalguda on 10.02.2023.**

    iii. He immediately, came back to prison at about 3.45 PM closing his lunch and went to supervise the medical camp. At that time of he came to prison Hospital the Medical screening of the prisoners by theses was already undergoing on. As such considering the fact that the father of the Doctor has already been transferred from the prison eight months ago and Dastargiri who is an approver was kept in isolation invoking the all protocols applicable to the approver, **he felt it would not be appropriate to instruct the Doctor to get out of the Prison, in the middle of the camp, when there are no perceived threats, which will be a huge disrespect to him and be huge humiliation . Accordingly, he continued the medical camp.**

    iv. Regarding organizing of Medical camp with private Doctors, though the official place of medical treatment for prisoners is Government Hospital and corresponding higher centres of Government Hospitals, it is initiated with a proactive measure.

    v. He has submitted some instances, where in other Medical camps were conducted by the private doctors from 2018 to 2024 in certain Jails in the State. (In this context, it is noticed that bye and large the said medical camps were conducted with certain specializations like, ENT, Dental, Ophthalmology etc., which are not easily available in the Government Hospitals, but are rarely required and are also not in emergency type, hence, his contention is giving raise doubts in allowing the medical camp, on the plea that other Jails also allowed such private medical camps. **It is also to note that, no allegations were received, when the medical camps were conducted in other Jails in the state).**

6. Being Head of the Institution, having worked in various institutions, and also part and parcel of the various committees, manual revision, prisoners releases and other issues, he is well aware of all rules, regulations, but he has given scope for serious allegations by not taking required precautionary measures in managing Central Prison, Kadapa by allowing private doctors to conduct medical camp, who were alleged to visit prisoners barracks and also threatened the approver. It seems that, he acted in a doubtful manner, by flouting well established and age-old security protocols, AP Prisons Rules, 1979 and various security and discipline instructions issued by the Head Office and Range Office from time to time. Dr.Chaitanya Reddy, son of D. Siva Shankar Reddy, had previously visited the jail to meet his father, for interviews on several occasions.

7. In this connection, it is revealed that the Superintendent i.e., Sri I.N.H. Prakash, was well aware of Dr.Chaitanya Reddy's identity and antecedents. Even so, Dr.Chaitanya Reddy was allowed to participate in the medical camp which raises concerns about the lapse in adhering to the established protocols.

8. As per rule no: 42(1) of AP Prisons Rules, 1979 Superintendents shall make themselves thoroughly acquainted with these rules, and with the Acts and Regulations relating to jails, and shall be strictly responsible for the due carrying out of all such rules and statutory provisions and the execution of all sentences on prisoners committed to their charge.

9. As per Rule No: 89 of AP Prisons Rules, 1979, every subordinate shall extend prompt and strict obedience to all orders of the superior officers and shall treat all superior officers at all times with respect.

10. As per Rule No: 107 No subordinate jail officer shall unnecessarily converse with a prisoner or treat him with familiarity or allow any familiarity between a prisoner and any other officer of the jail. Nor shall discuss matters of discipline, or jail duties or arrangements with or in the hearing of prisoners.

11. As per Rules No: 108 of AP Prisons Rules, 1979 No Jail officer incur any obligation in favour of any other jail officer or any prisoner, or correspond with, or hold any intercourse with, the friends or relatives of any prisoner, or have any unauthorized communication with any prisoner or with any person whatever as to matters concerning the Jail.

12. As per Rule No: 275 of AP Prisons Rules, 1979 Every detail of the daily routine shall be carried out systematically.

13. As per rule no: 506(1) of AP Prisons Rules, 1979 un convicted criminal prisoners and civil prisoners shall be granted all reasonable facilities at proper times and under proper restrictions for interviewing or otherwise communicating either orally or in writing with their relatives, friends and legal advisors.

14. As per Rule No: 731, where an untertrial prisoner has been admitted by the court as an approver, he shall be kept separate at all time from, and shall be prevented from communicated with, other prisoners concerned in the same case.

15. As per MHA instructions, dated 9.5.2024 communicated by the Director General of Prisons and CS, AP, Hyderabad vide Memo.No: Jud-2/86/2014, dated 27.05.2014, the protection of life of its citizens, including convicts/under trials/accused persons, is the responsibility of the concerned state and Jail authorities. Security cover to an Individual is provided on the basis of threat perception.

16. Thus, he has violated Rule No. 3(1)(2)(3) of A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules, 1964 and rule no: 42, 89,107,108,275,506(1),731 of A.P. Prison Rules, 1979 and MHA instructions, dated 9.5.2024 communicated by the Director General of Prisons and CS, AP, Hyderabad vide Memo.No: Jud-2/86/2014, dated 27.05.2014.

Hence, the **Charge.**

KUMAR VISHWAJEET
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEUXRE-II

(G.O.Rt.No.333 , Home (Prisons & Fire) Department, Dated: 21.02.2025)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHRGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI I.N.H.PRAKASH, THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT(FAC), CENTRAL PRISON, KADAPA PRESENTLY WORKING ON ATTACHMENT AS PRINCIPAL(FAC), AP STARS, NELLORE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Copy of gate In and out register dated 28-11-2023
2. Nominal Roll of RP.No.4988, D. Siva Shankar Reddy, S/o D.Malla Reddy
3. Nominal Roll of RP. No.7129, S.Dasthagiri, S/o Hajı Vali
4. Copy of lock up register dated 28-11-2023
5. List of prisoners participated in the medical camp
6. Interview petitions of RP.No.4988, D. Siva Shankar Reddy during the month of January, 2023
7. Statement of Dr. G. Pushpalatha, DCS, Central Prison, Kadapa
8. Statement of Dr.J.Praveen Kumar, the then CAS, CP, Kadapa
9. Statement of Dr.C.Ramanjula Reddy, Pulmonologist, Kadapa
10. Statement of Dr.D.Chaitanya Reddy, MD, DM, Kadapa
11. Statement of Sri A Chenna Krishna Reddy, Pharmacist Gr-II, CP, Kadapa
12. Statement of Smt.T.Siva Deepthi, Pharmacist Gr-II, CP, Kadapa
13. Statement of Sri I.N.H.Prakash, the then Superintendent (FAC), CP, Kadapa alongwith enclosures
14. Statement of Sri K. Jawaharbabu, Dy Superintendent of Jails, CP, Kadapa attached to CP, Visakhapatnam
15. Statement of Sri A Sambasiva Rao, Dy Superintendent of Jails (Retd). Kadapa
16. Statement of Sri S.Md. Rafi, Jailor, CP, Kadapa
17. Statement of Sri K. Ramakrishna, Jailor, CP, Kadapa
18. Statement of Sri A.Younus, Jailor, CP, Kadapa
19. Statement of Sri G.Mohammad Rafi, Dy. Jailor, CP, Kadapa
20. Statement of Sri S.Sivaiah, W.No.42, CP, Kadapa
21. Statement of Sri B.Srihari, W.No. 127, CP, Kadapa
22. Statement of Sri M.Nagarjuna Reddy, W.No.97, CP, Kadapa
23. Statement of CT. No.5401, D.Srinivasulu, S/o Rosaiah, CP, Kadapa
24. Statement of CT. No.8983, M.Eswara Narayana Reddy, CP, Kadapa
25. Statement of CT.No.7339, S.Salim Basha @ Shafi S/o Shaik Mastan Vali, CP, Kadapa
26. Statement of CT. No.9094, P.Murali, S/o Chittibabu, CP, Kadapa
27. Hon'ble High Court judgement dated 3.4.2024 in CRLMP No.2960 of 2024
28. Memo.No:Estt-2/6/2025, dated 8.1.2025 of DG of Prisons and CS, AP, Mangalagiri.
29. Explanation, dated 18.01.205 of Sri I.N.H. Prakash, the then Superintendent (FAC), Central Prison, Kadapa presently working as Principal, AP STARS, Nellore on attachment.

KUMAR VISHWAJEET
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEUXRE-III

(G.O.Rt.No.333 , Home (Prisons & Fire) Department, Dated:21.02.2025)

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHRGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI I.N.H. PRAKASH, THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT(FAC), CENTRAL PRISON, KADAPA PRESENTLY WORKING ON ATTACHMENT AS PRINCIPAL(FAC), AP STARS, NELLORE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Dr.G.Pushpalatha, DCS, Central Prison, Kadapa
2. Dr.J.Praveen Kumar, the then CAS, CP, Kadapa
3. Dr.C.Ramanjula Reddy, Pulmonologist, Kadapa
4. Dr.D.Chaitanya Reddy, MD, DM, Kadapa
5. Sri A.Chenna Krishna Reddy, Pharmacist Gr-II, CP, Kadapa
6. Smt.T.Siva Deepthi, Pharmacist Gr-II, CP, Kadapa
7. Sri K. Jawahar Babu, Dy Superintendent of Jails, CP, Kadapa attached to CP, Visakhapatnam
8. Sri A.Sambasiva Rao, Dy Superintendent of Jails (Retd), Kadapa
9. Sri S.Md. Rafi, Jailor, CP, Kadapa
10. Sri K. Ramakrishna, Jailor, CP, Kadapa
11. Sri A.Younus, Jailor, CP, Kadapa
12. Sri G.Mohammad Rafi, Dy Jailor, CP, Kadapa
13. Sri S. Sivaiah, W.No.42, CP, Kadapa
14. Sri B. Srihari, W.No. 127, CP, Kadapa
15. Sri M.Nagarjuna Reddy, W. No.97, CP, Kadapa
16. CT.No.5401, D.Srinivasulu, S/o Rosaiah, CP, Kadapa
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